(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government has proposed to import wheat to augment the buffer stock. Permission has been given to import 5.11 lakh tonnes of wheat so far.

Statement

State-wise production and procurement of wheat during Rabi 2007

(Lakh Tonnes)

State	Production*	Procurement#
Andhra Pradesh	0.07	
Assam	0.65	
Bihar	35.84	0.08
Chhattisgarh	0.92	-
Gujarat	30.00	-
Haryana	100.53	33.46
Himachal Pradesh	1.86	-
Jammu & Kashmir	4.61	-
Jharkhand	1.29	-
Karnataka	1.84	-
Madhya Pradesh	71.59	0.57
Maharashtra	17.65	-
Orissa	0.07	-
Punjab	145.21	67.57
Rajasthan	69.25	3.83
Uttar Pradesh	250.31	5.49
Uttranchal	8.01	0.02
West Bengal	7.92	-
Others	1.28	0.01
All-India	748.90	111.03

* 4th advance estimates as on 19.07.2007

\# As on 06.08.2007

Emergency prescription of allopathic medicines by Ayurvedic Doctors etc.

* 85. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMIL Y WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to allow the Ayurvedic Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) doctors to use the life saving drugs in emergency which are normally prescribed by the Allopathic doctors;

(b) whether any demand in this regard has so far been made by the AYUSH Medical Society; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMA DOSS): (a) to (c) The matter regarding qualified practitioners of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems prescribing allopathic medicines has been examined in depth by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.89 of 1987 Dr. Mukhtiar Chand and others *versus* State of Punjab and others. Representations have been received from time to time on this matter and accordingly Department of AYUSH entrusted the study of the contemporary acts on medical practice in the light of judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in 1987 Dr. Mukhtiar Chand and others *versus* State of Punjab and others and other similar judgements. Drugs can be sold and supplied by a Pharmacist or a Druggist only on a prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner and who can also store them for treatment of patients.

According to Section 2 (ee) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1995, Registered Medical Practitioner means a person–

(i) holding a qualification granted by an authority specified or notified under Section 3 of the Indian Medical Degrees Act, 1916 (7 of 1916), or specified in the Schedules to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956); or

(ii) registered or eligible for registration in a medical register of a State meant for the registration of persons practicing the modern scientific system of medicine (excluding the Homoeopathy system of medicine); or

(iii) registered in a medical register (other than a register for the registration of Homoeopathic practitioners) of a State, who although not falling within sub-clause (i) or sub-clause (ii) is declared by a general or special order made by the State Government in this behalf as a person practicing the modern scientific system of medicine for the purposes of this Act.

Hon'ble Supreme Court upheld the validity of Rule 2 (ee) (iii) as well as the notifications issued by various State Governments thereunder allowing Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy practitioners to prescribe allopathic medicines.

In view of the above judgement, Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy practitioners can prescribe allopathic medicines under Rule 2 (ee) (iii) only in those States where they are authorized to do so by a general or special order made by the concerned State Government in that regard. Practitioners of Indian Medicine holding the degrees in integrated courses can also prescribe allopathic medicines if any State act in the State in which they are practicing recognizes their qualification as sufficient for registration in the State Medical Register.

BPL card holders

*88. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission issued orders stipulating the number of BPL card holders in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;